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THE FRINGE OF WAR.

Many of us, it is to be feared, have fallen
into the habit of demanding that we see
with our eyes before we will see with the
spirit. We would understand, if we could,
for we know that war must mean more
than the cable stories of victory or defeat,
but, because we are so far from the scene
of strife, we find it difficult. Imagination,
no matter how strong, fails to picture the
grievous and sorrowful that follow in the wake
of war, the agony of the suspense in which
thousands wait and watch, or grasp the
spirit which calls forth still further sacrifices
from those who, smiling through their
tears, know that nothing they may do will
be in vain.Now and again, however, a passing
glimpse is revealed, a world in dropped by
one who has seen, and that may be suffi-
cient to make us aware, at any rate to some
extent, of all that is glorious in the midst
of all that is so dreadfully terrible.The parish priest is the rural districts
of France is a type that is known to many.
The father, familiar of country town or
village he has appealed to more than his
pastor, and the gentleness of his greet-
ing, and the cheer of his smile, have
travelled farther than the confines of his
parish. But picture him today, one of the
many swept away by the whirlwind which
has engulfed the Continent. One who has
since the outbreak of war, laboured as
priest to a congregation that grew accus-
tomed to assembling in his church, and the
gums, has stories to tell which may help us
to understand.An artillery duel was being waged in one
particular district, to the disadvantage of
the French, the Germans having availed
themselves of a church steeple which made
an excellent observation post. Therefore it
was decided that the building must be
demolished, and for that purpose one of
the best gunners of the battery was
instructed to make the steeple his target.His first shot was successful. The church
was wrecked and the observation post
wiped out, but all that the gunner could
say in reply to the congratulations of his
officer was,"Ah, if you only knew."
"Ah," said the officer, "what is it I
should know?""I am a priest," was the simple
rejoinder.Think what the war must mean to that
man and what that one act must have
cost him, as he saw the building crumple
beneath the shell which he had fired.The town of Vitry-le-François lies on
the path taken by the Allied armies in the
great retreat, but unlike other places,
Vitry did not suffer, and all because a
priest refused to bargain with the
General. But though this may be no
wrecked buildings or ruined churches,
there are on all the surrounding fields
countless wooden crosses, each one marking
the grave of a soldier, to show that Vitry
has felt the shock of battle and knows
something of the horror which has swept
through the land. On nearly every cross
there rests a Kapi, a soldier's tribute to a
soldier's grave, whilst on many there hang
faded flowers, placed there by unknown
hands, to show that Vitry has felt the
fields by night and there have distributed
such flowers as they had, and in their
prayer must have been a thought for those
who, still waiting, had yet to learn what
one rough hewn wooden cross would mean
to them.But to return to Vitry. Refugees
streamed in, some to wait there, others to
continue their flight when opportunity
served. On one occasion the procession
was five miles long. Five miles of
humanity hastening to safety. Old men,
women and children, laden with household
treasures such as they had snatched up in
their flight, weary, dulled with despair, or
stunned into panic, but all flying from that
which was behind them. Those who re-
mained, perhaps light hearted, where
there had been too frequent and amongst
them the padre worked, cheering and com-
forting as best he could. Then, one night,
the Germans came and before dawn he and
his curate were hostages for the good be-
haviour of all the rest. Not content with
that the Germans would have two more,
and the next name them."No," How can I vouch for the good
behaviour of my people when you have
made me prisoner. Free me, and I will
sell for volunteers, but give you the names
of my friends, never."He obtained his two hostages, bargained
with the officer commanding for the liberty
of all four, staking the good behaviour of
his people against the orderly conduct of
the troops, and that morning said Mass as
though there was never an invader near.He who had there later to tell us also
speak of last Christmas Day, when, with
the roar of the guns, somewhere to theNorth plainly audible he said Mass for
those of the community who were left. But
the people of France are accustomed to
that by now. Priests who can render an
other service, together with their women-
folk and children, work in the fields that
are sown and broken with trenches,
and if the guns are silent for a while there
will be something lacking. Even war
is no longer a novelty, but day by day, as
the death roll grows, it becomes more and
more a grim reality.There is the story of a General who,
summoned to the bedside of his dying son,
continued issuing orders to his staff.
"I have no time," he said. "My duty is
here." But a special providence saw to it
that the spirit father shared the last
moments that his son spent in this world.
Even more touching is the story of Madame
Maurice. She had given three sons to the
Army and to the priest fell the task of
breaking the news of the first death. But
it was not necessary. The mother divined
his message and all that she asked as she
knelt before the altar was, "Which one?"
Surely, a story that will live.But that is the spirit of France to-day.
The burden is falling on all alike, and all
are set with the same steady de-
termination. There is a task to be
accomplished and accomplished it must be,
no matter what the cost.There is universal service in France,
not during my stay there, working amidst
those who have suffered and must suffer
before the end, I never heard of one single
case of compulsion. So said the one who
has returned from those scenes which we
can find so difficult to picture. "Much
has been done and much will be done, but
I who have seen what is being done for us
know that in return we can never do
enough. If we can do no more than realize
and appreciate all that is happening it is
better than to remain ignorant and
apathetic."

THE KAISER WEPT.

Shed Tears for the Fate of France.

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extracts, says the "Times," from a little
book in which a certain Anton Fendrich
describes conversations which he had last
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censiveness of an individual who receives
strong and lively impressions from all sides
and immediately works them up." Herr
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loyal to the monarchy. He writes:
"Nobody will oppose that the opinions of
the Kaiser agree in all points with those of
a man of the Left, but in two cases there
was a perfect accord between us. The first
was when the Kaiser's attention turned upon
the French. He said to me, 'The French are
my sorrow. The Kaiser speaks quite pure
French, and had hoped, like all of us, and
especially as people from Baden, that with
France first of all an agreement would be
possible.'"We have grievously over-estimated the
Gallic aversion as well as all other nations.
The French are a people passing through
their darkest hour. Their conduct of war is
full of the most glorious heroism, full ofsuch terrible things, that only a private
book of the war will ever be able to record
them.For half an hour the Kaiser with re-
luctance, but carried away by the horror of it
all—narrated to me sworn facts about the
behaviour of French doctors, not only
towards the enemy, but towards their own
people. France is a doomed country.The tears which more than once came
into the Kaiser's eyes as he told the tale
were often tears of shame at such degrada-
tion in a people that had been thought to
be still chivalrous and noble.The second happy point of agreement
between the Kaiser and me showed itself
when we talked about the meaning of the
war. The meaning and purpose is the
unification and purification of Germany, so
that she may fulfil her world-historic task
of being the heart of Europe and of pre-
paring the way for the spiritualisation of
European humanity. We are not all good,
but we have the will to be good, and those
who are sincere are permitted by God to
succeed. These were the main ideas about
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TRENCHES.Light-Hearted British Reply to the
"Hymn of Hate."The most cheerful army that ever took
the field is a good description of the
trenching men who are filling the trenches
in Flanders.These fellows are great singers," writes
one subaltern, "and I have heard a lot of
weird war chants already. One runs to the
tune of the 'Milkmaid'."Coo-coo-coo-coo under fire.
Coo-coo-coo-coo under fire.
Mentioned in dispatches for
Drinking the Company rum.
Coo-coo-coo-coo under fire.Again, the men sing:
"I shot my finger in woodpecker
hole,
And the woodpecker screamed, 'Goth
straft your soul!'
Take it out! Take it out! Take it out!
REMOVE IT!"Another chanson in vogue, quoted by a
writer in the "Spectator," runs as follows:
I want to go home,
I want to go home,
The coal-box and shrapnell they whistle
and roar,
I don't want to go to the trenches no
more,
I want to go over the sea,
Where the Kaiser can't throw bombs at
me!Pocooco! Aye!
I don't want to die!
I want to go home,
How much better than the "Hymn of
Hate"! Another interesting song—
Now old von Kluck he had a lot of men,
Be-aye-coo-coo!
And every man he had a little gun,
Be-aye-coo-coo!
With a "ping-ping" here,
And a "ping-ping" there,
And here a "ping" and there a "ping,"
"ping-ping" everywhere.It's old von Kluck he had a lot of men,
Be-aye-coo-coo!
On the march, amid other weird and
wonderful songs, they have a habit of
breaking out with—
Three cheers for the Vaterland!
Ock, ock, ock!
Main God!This, says the officer whose letter is
quoted, "is to them the very arms of war-
ghastness. They are a funny lot!"Another subaltern writes home:
"Bewhore" is a delightful book to read
in the trenches on a hot afternoon. Many
thanks also for the "Kaiser," who is
about the most soothing poet going. I
have Odysseus here too. That is my Scite
blood coming out."On the back of the envelope he wrote a
list of the things he sent him. They
included, booklets, tobacco, a Remington
pocket lamp, acid drops, and Chaucer.Approves of shells, "Nobody troubles to
cross the road to avoid them. London will
be equally punctuated after a short Zopp,
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Secretary.

Hongkong, Oct. 12, 1915.

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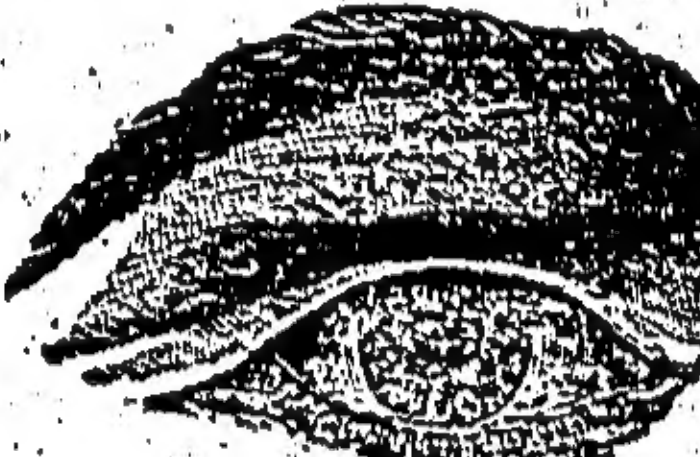


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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

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MEETING of the Members of the
HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the CLUB
HOUSE on FRIDAY, the 23rd October,
1915, at 5.15 p.m.Business—As set forth in the notice
posted in the Hall of the Club.By Order,
E. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Oct. 15, 1915.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY MEETING of
Members will be held on SATUR-
DAY, the 30th October, 1915, at 12 o'clock
noon, at the Offices of the Jockey Club,
on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong
Club Annex, Chater Road.By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Oct. 15, 1915.

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Handicaps of 13 to 17 inclusive.Competition to be under Club Handicaps.
Intending Competitors are requested to
enter their names on the boards in the
Happy Valley or Fan Ling Club House,
or to send same by Writing to the Acting
Hon. Secretary, care of Messrs. BRADLEY
& Co., Ltd.Entries will close on FRIDAY, 21st inst.
CHAMPIONSHIP.The Competition for the above will be
held over the Fan Ling Course, com-
mencing on SUNDAY, the 31st inst.,
inclusive to be drawn with Members with
Handicaps of 13 to 17 inclusive.Intending Competitors are requested to
enter their names on the board in the
Club House at Happy Valley before
WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst.T. F. HILL,
Actg. Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Oct. 15, 1915.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

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TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1915.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND MISS CAVELL'S EXECUTION.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

The United States Government has instructed their Ambassador at Berlin to inquire into the circumstances of Miss Cavell's execution.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

The elections take place throughout South Africa to-morrow and the contest will be intense, the Nationalists using every effort against Sir Louis Botha.

**RUGBY INTERNATIONALIST
KILLED IN ACTION.**

LONDON, Oct. 19.

Lambert, the international rugby footballer, was killed in action in France on Oct. 13.

FLY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, Oct. 19.

At the National Sporting Club, in the Fly Weight Championship, young Symonds of Plymouth, beat Tancy Lee of Leith in the sixteenth round.

(*Wah-Tee Yat Po's Service.*)

CHUNG MING KI.

PEKING, Oct. 19.

A mandate grants Chung Ming Ki, Civil Governor of Canton, two months' leave for the purpose of returning to his home to attend the funeral ceremonies of his father. Lung Kan Kwong, brother of Lung Chi Kwong, has been appointed Acting Governor.

**CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT
THE MIKADO'S CORONATION.**

PEKING, Oct. 20.

Luk Chung Yu, the former Chinese Minister at Tokio, has been appointed as a special envoy to attend the Coronation of the Emperor of Japan.

Messrs Vernon and Smyth inform us that there is no change this afternoon in local share market prices.

Printed at the China Mail Office, Hongkong.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BALKANS.

GERMAN "PRIVATEERS" FOR THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

INTERNED GERMAN ESCAPE FROM AN AMERICAN PORT.

AUSTRALIA READY "TO ANSWER THE CALL."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BALKANS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19. A Berlin communication claims slight progress southward and westward of Belgrade. It says the Bulgarians have reached Egnipolanka, thirty miles south-eastward of Yambou.

PARIS, Oct. 19. The Temps' report of the cutting of the Nish-Uskub railway near Yambou is unconfirmed. Only a wooden bridge near the line has been destroyed.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that General Sarrail, commander-in-chief of the French Orient army, has left Salonika in the direction of Serbia.

The latest news is of fierce fighting on all the Serbian fronts. Owing to heavy enemy artillery fire, the Serbian army near Belgrade retired to a fortified line a little southward; while in order to avoid a turning movement, the army which evacuated Dobruvatz has withdrawn to the south-east.

The Bulgarians are still being held, despite their numerical superiority.

The enemy are committing unpardonable atrocities on the civilian population. It is reported that the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians are taking no prisoners.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Reuter learns that the feeling regarding the position in Serbia is more hopeful. Accounts received from Athens of the fighting prior to the occupation of Strumitza shows that 40,000 Bulgarians made the attack. At first they had pressed the Serbians northeast of Duran and near Valandovo, but the timely arrival of the Allies turned the tide and the Bulgarians were driven back with heavy losses, beyond the frontier.

The principal fighting at Valandovo was five miles from the frontier where entire Bulgarian battalions were cut up.

GERMAN "PRIVATEERS" FOR THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. The detention by the Colombian Government of an American yacht—with an unusually large crew, whose captain is believed to be a German—near Buenaventura, tends to confirm suspicions that German sympathisers are fitting out privateers for the purpose of preying upon the commerce of the Atlantic and Pacific.

Half a dozen officers and men, who were interned in German vessels at Norfolk, Virginia, escaped in a motor boat. They are believed to have gone to Cuba.

AUSTRALIA READY "TO ANSWER THE CALL."

SYDNEY, Oct. 19. The Hon. Mr. Pearce, Minister for Defence, declared that if it was necessary to do more to combat successfully the new position in the Balkans, Australia would answer the call, even if it meant sending brigade after brigade.

RECRUITING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Lord Desborough's instructions to canvassers as published show that they were ordered to approach unmarried men first, be polite, not bully, and to conduct the campaign with the intensity of a general election. When necessary, a motor service would be organised to take recruits to the attesting station, as every possible man was wanted for the Infantry.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 19. The papers emphasise that the House of Commons is assuming a most critical attitude against the Government, pressing for information about the Dardanelles, Balkan and the prospects of recruiting.

It is considered improbable that Mr. Asquith will yield to the demand for a debate. Replying to an interjector Mr. Redmond said Lord Carson's army was now in Flanders. They hope to fight shoulder to shoulder with their nationalist brethren.

BRITISH POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Mr. Bonar Law, Secretary of State for the Colonies, had an audience with the King yesterday morning in connection with Colonial affairs.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting lasted three hours. It is understood the conscription controversy was not touched upon. Mr. Asquith is slightly indisposed; but the Daily Chronicle declares that the cabinet ministers have not abandoned their intention of forcing an early decision and that there may be sensational developments before the week is finished.

GERMAN ORE-LADEN STEAMER CAPTURED.

GENEVE, Oct. 19. It is officially reported that the steamer Nike, bound from Lulea to Stettin, laden with ore, was captured by a British submarine and taken to Reval.

TWENTY-SIX GERMAN TRAWLERS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 19. The twenty-six German trawlers brought to Grimsby include many modern steam vessels. One trawling fleet was escorted, but the escort halted when the British patrols were sighted.

There have been three successful British raids in the North Sea during the past fortnight.

(Havas Service.)

PARIS, Oct. 18. French stock now stands at 65. Yesterday we progressed around Giverny. Our aircraft bombarded Traves. To-day we throw back and repulsed these new attacks north-east of Souchez.

Petrograd.—We repulsed attacks in Drinsk region, capturing numerous prisoners. We pierced the enemy's front west of Lake Bogin, crossing the river Drisvitz, and progressing in Tyr region and also Derajno region.

Rome.—We captured the important position of Fregassia. General Sarrail left Salonika for Serbia. Official information received from Salonika announces that the Serbo Allied Army has occupied Strumitza, though the news is not confirmed from Serbian sources.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PROMINENT SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENT YUAN ASSASSINATED.

TOKIO, Oct. 19. Chiang Shi Li, a prominent supporter of President Yuan Shih Kai and of the re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy, has been shot and mortally wounded by a young Chinaman.

MR. ASQUITH INDISPOSED.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, is suffering from gastro intestinal catarrh, which will necessitate him taking a few days complete rest.

AGA KHAN.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Aga Khan dined with the Majesties at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

THE INVASION OF SERBIA.

MORE SEVERE FIGHTING.

ATHENS, Oct. 18. It is officially stated that Bulgarian attacks on the Nish-Uskub railway continue. There has been severe fighting at Vranja, but at Zibetcho the Bulgars have been repulsed.

German officers are in command all along the line. The morale of the Serbian troops is excellent.

ITALY AND BULGARIA.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Italy has declared war on Bulgaria.

MR. REDMOND ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Mr. John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist Party, speaking at Dublin, declared that the position of the Coalition Government was precarious. Proposals might be made any day which would instantly and the political truce and the British people into conflicting factions. The possibility of a general election had become the common talk in political circles.

Ireland, he added, was in no way responsible for the dangers which were threatening the Government. There had been no strikes in Ireland, which had confined herself to the sending of men to the front who could and would support them, in accordance with Lord Kitchener's requirements.

THE DARDANELLES.

SIR IAN HAMILTON TO REPORT ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Oct. 19. The Press Bureau announces that General Sir Charles Monro has been appointed to command the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, in succession to General Sir Ian Hamilton, who is returning to England to make a report.

Lieut. General Birdwood has been appointed to temporarily command the Force pending General Monro's arrival.

A "FANTASTIC" REPORT DENIED.

LONDON, Oct. 19. The Daily Mail correspondent at Athens reports that the (reported?) depletion of the Dardanelles forces and the slackening in operations is described by a high military authority as fantastic. On the contrary, the Allies at Gallipoli are being reinforced.

WESTERN FRONT.

ANOTHER ATTACK PREVENTED.

PARIS, Oct. 19. The latest communication says:—

The enemy, after a violent bombardment, massed troops in the trenches near Souchez, but our vigorous curtain of fire prevented the threatened attack. The artillery duel has been in our favour south of the Somme, left of the Aisne and in Champagne.

There has been lively grenade fighting in the Vosges on the crests of Schatz Mennelle, and violent cannonading in the region of Hartmannswillerkopf.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

LONDON, Oct. 18. M. Viviani, the French Premier, telegraphed to Sir Edward Grey with reference to the resignation of M. Delcasse, affirming emphatically that the French Government intends to pursue without any modification, the policy which has hitherto happily bound the two Governments together.

Sir Edward Grey replied assuring France of our continued and steadfast co-operation which has only been strengthened by the events of the past year, and the combined heroism of the French and British troops fighting side by side in the same great cause.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EASTERN FRONT.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE NUMEROUS VILLAGES.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.

Further Russian successes resulting in the capture of a number of villages at various points along the front, with altogether 3,000 prisoners and many machine guns is recorded in a communication. The communication also states that there has been very fierce fighting between Lake Demmen and Lake Drisvitz, east of Vilna, where the Germans were dislodged with enormous losses from positions on the southern shore of Lake Drisvitz. Other villages stormed by the Russians were one on the Upper Niemien and south Pripiet rivers, and also on the Syer.

SIR EDWARD CARSON RESIGNS.

LONDON, Oct. 19. Sir Edward Carson, Attorney General, has resigned.

It is understood that he resigned in connection with the Near East question and not in connection with Conscription.

(Fah Tze Yut Po's Service.)

NEW MINISTERS.

BEIJING, Oct. 18.

Koo Wei Kwai and Ng Chin Shan have been appointed Ministers to the United States and Mexico, respectively.

"LEARNED, GOOD" AND "EDUCATED" WANTED.

The provincial authorities have been requested to seek out "learned, good and educated persons" and send their names to the Government for appointments.

CONFUCIUS' SUCCESSOR.

The Duke of Hsin Shing, the direct descendant of Confucius, has been accused of "bad behaviour" in connection with the Confucian doctrine, and his successor, the chief clansman, asks that another be selected to succeed to the title.

CIGARETTES IN THE INTERIOR.

The British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. is reported, offered an annual payment of \$5,000 to the Government to be allowed to manufacture cigarettes in the interior.

OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

The delinquent Ng Wo and the Magistrate Li Tso Fu, has been arrested in Peking.

NEW SUPERINTENDENTS OF CUSTOMS.

Mandates transfers Lau To Yan to Changsha as Superintendent of Customs, and Chu Pang Shou to a similar appointment at Ichang.

THE GRAND FLEET.

Where is it?

It is said, writes M. Pierre Millo, of the Temps, that a German submarine was sunk one day in British waters; the officer who commanded her had hoped by a lucky coup to destroy a big British warship; but instead he found himself a prisoner, and from the deck of the British ship he surveyed the sea, on which there was absolutely nothing to be seen. There was no trail of smoke on the horizon, not a turret nor a torpedo-boat visible. Stupefied, the German asked: "But where is your Fleet?" He had risked his life to reach that Fleet, and it was not there; and never had been where he had sought it.

Needless to say, I do not intend to say where the Fleet is. It is in fact sufficient to declare that the irresistible naval power of Great Britain will remain inaccessible to the enemy until Britain places and engages in the final victorious battle.

The French are authorised to reveal the position of the British Fleet, but only in the event of the French which would be the largest in the world, with huge dry docks and a whole equipment of workshops and machines capable of repairing and arming the latest ships, and giving employment to 6,000 workmen.

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"ROBERT" IN KHAKI.

On Point Duty at the Front.

The Uplifted Hand.

A picturesque sketch of a military policeman on "duty" somewhere in Flanders is given by a special correspondent in the Morning Post.

Painted in the centre of this dead village (says the writer) was a broad, shaggy, comfortable figure, a figure strangely familiar in pose, despite the khaki disguise and the steel and black armband that should have been a blue and white cut strapped on a blue tunic—a calm, imperturbable figure like a light-house in the troubled sea of traffic, administering law and order and the rule of the road to the army on the field, with an uplifted, impartial, and somewhat massive hand.

Who else but Robert, of London, now a military policeman, on point duty within range of the German gun?

Now then, are you asleep on that lorry? Get away with it.

The same thunderous reproach. The same old contemptuous flick of the hand in the direction of the opened road, and a stern glance at the guilty driver. The same old muttered imprecation of the guilty driver as he jerks a lever, glares at his traditional enemy, and jolts noisily on his way. Memories of the Bank on a busy day!

THE ROAD JUDG.

Halt! What d'you mean by lorrying round a corner at a hundred miles an hour? Can't you read? One six miles an hour, I'll just have your money!

The driver of the "stinked two-seater" thus looks like a pantomime-topple-pulls up in his mind career with a bump. The boy-leutenant beside him twists his red cap over one eye and tugs nervously at what he thinks is a moustache as he apologetically tries to explain the reason for his haste. Robert listens respectfully, but does not cease writing in the familiar notebook.

Memories of Erendilly Nuts and something days of peace. And here are German shells falling in a potato field as Robert closes his book with a snap. "Right away! Come on with that car!"

A Grey Man huddled over the handlebars of a grunting motor-cycle slides through a microscopic aperture in the traffic and lifts his gauged eyes to Robert as he coughs out a question through a little cloud of dust. The response comes like a flash.

First on the left, second on the right; look out for a crane beyond the dressing station. At the second lecture with a roof, says Robert in a breath, as he throws up his hand with an infinite gesture which stops a Staff car abruptly and sends a bridging train across its path.

The motorist slips between a lorry and an ambulance, and is gone.

Right away!

THE STAFF CAR.

The Staff car, in "beckoned" ahead. Robert salutes the brigadier-general, with a third of one eye on a snorting fraction engine that is taking up more than its share of the highway. The brigadier is hurrying to an important consultation near some trenches that are being shell-ed (and being shelled with considerable industry, if we can judge by the sound) and Robert has delayed him nearly a minute—for his own good.

A POSTCARD FROM THE GRAVE.

Russian Soldier's Premonition of Death.

A strange story of a soldier's postcard, in which the writer informed his parents of his death, has been told by a Russian officer to a correspondent of the "East Mail" at the Front. The postcard ran as follows:—

"My dear Parents, I send you my fondest love from the trenches, also to my brothers and sisters and my dear aunt Alexandra Petrovna. This is my last letter, for I have to inform you that I am dead. I have been killed in action. From your loving son, Igor Alexeev."

"This letter," explained the officer, "has been written by a soldier in my company, Igor Alexeev by name. He was a jolly fellow, who did not know what fear was. You could see him always in the front in any bayonet attack. He had extraordinarily good luck. Several times his cap and even his shirt have been shot through; but he would invariably come out of an attack without a scratch. About three weeks ago I noticed a great change in him. He seemed to have lost all his jolliness. I asked him what was the matter with him, and so did his comrades, but he made no answer."

"About a fortnight ago, we were in the front trenches, being showered with machine-gun fire. Igor Alexeev crawled up to me and said: 'Please, your honour, do me a favour. Here is a letter to my parents. Will you post it for me?' I was rather annoyed at his request, so unappreciative as it seemed to me. 'Can't you post it yourself?' I said to him. 'Why should you worry me about such a thing?' His answer was quite unexpected. 'I can't be able to do it, your honour, for I shall soon be killed.' 'Don't talk nonsense! I shouted at him, but he went on: 'You will see, your honour, I shall soon be killed. Do take this letter. If you possibly yourself, it will be more sure to reach my parents.' There was no time to argue, and I put the postcard into my pocket. A week passed, but Alexeev was still alive. A few days ago he asked me whether I had sent his letter home, for it was very important, as it informed his parents of his death. 'Are you mad?' I asked him. 'What do you mean by informing your parents of your death?' 'I am no longer alive,' he answered gravely. 'I am a dead man.' 'That very night Igor Alexeev was killed outright, without having previously had a single scratch. His postcard to his parents was thus a message from a dead man.'

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DESTINATION. STEAMERS. Displacement. Sailing Date.

MAKESILES & LONDON. Via SINGAPORE, THURSDAY, 21st.

MAKESILES, PENANG, Capt. Cope, Tons 16,000, Oct., at Noon.

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STRAITS, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, BOMBAY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship "MALTA," Captain C. C. Talbot, R.M.S., carrying the Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this port on or about FRIDAY, the 22nd October, 1915, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship "Khyber" from Colombo, Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, and Tea and Cargo for Italy, France, and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer "proceeding via Bombay to Marseilles and London. Other Cargo for London etc. will be conveyed via Bombay and transhipped to the S.S. "Paris" due in London about 4th December, 1915.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1915.

